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To: "Marcos A. Marrero" <marreroma@ci.holyoke.ma.us>,  
Date: 09/13/2012 01:59 PM  
Subject: Re: Time to Meet?

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Marcos,

I appreciate you taking the time yesterday. I do understand the mayor's issue, but I feel strongly that this project is SO different from the previous Wyckoff plan, we need to seriously look at this, rather than just say no...

I have spent considerable time and money putting together a plan that I feel would greatly benefit the city. I have taken care to make certain that Ward 7 would not be affected by traffic, noise, etc., while also putting a huge emphasis on downtown investment and economic sustainability.

If people are willing to have an open mind, this can work--we can all make this happen for Holyoke!

- Two Thousand plus jobs for Holyoke residents
- Transportation to and from the Resort through the new transportation center, etc.
- Endowment for HCC culinary school, Dean Tech culinary and other programs, etc
- A recreation facility that would attract people from all over the region
- A music amphitheater with covered seating that would attract world class entertainers
- A convention center and 300+ room hotel
- Money to complete canal walk and installation of canal laser light fountains
- Construction and management of an indoor/outdoor downtown mercado
- Resort HR offices to be located downtown, with further investment in 429 Dwight St. mill building for restaurant and cafe along the canal
- Investment in downtown buildings for market rate residential units

Also:

This project would enable the city to lower the commercial tax rate, while not having to increase the residential rate. This would send a huge message to the Holyoke (and surrounding) business community, enabling the city to attract additional business investment.

I am a life long city resident, and I have been investing in Holyoke since I was 18. I would never propose a project that I feel would be detrimental to the city or its residents.

Additionally, all of the build for this project, including the highway access ramps, would fit within the existing footprint of Mountain Park.

I don't believe we would see an opportunity like this again for Holyoke. There will be ONE gaming license granted to western Massachusetts. Holyoke has the IDEAL piece of land in Mountain Park, AND we can WIN this!

Please let me know if you have had the chance to further discuss with the mayor, and I am happy to follow up, as needed.

Best,

Eric

On Tue, Sep 11, 2012 at 8:47 AM, Marcos A. Marrero <[marreroma@ci.holyoke.ma.us](mailto:marreroma@ci.holyoke.ma.us)> wrote:

Yep, if you can. See you then,

MM

Sent from mobile

Eric Suher <[esuher@essports.com](mailto:esuher@essports.com)> wrote:

That works. See you tomorrow, your office?

On Tue, Sep 11, 2012 at 7:23 AM, Marcos A. Marrero <[marreroma@ci.holyoke.ma.us](mailto:marreroma@ci.holyoke.ma.us)> wrote:

How about 10 am tomorrow? Thanks,

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Eric Suher <[esuher@essports.com](mailto:esuher@essports.com)> wrote:

Marcos,

Sorry, I completely missed your email--and I didn't see it until I went to send you an email tonight!

Do you have any availability on Wednesday? I have meetings at 3:45 and 5pm, but otherwise free.

Thank you.

Eric

On Fri, Sep 7, 2012 at 1:41 PM, Marcos A Marrero <[MarreroMA@ci.holyoke.ma.us](mailto:MarreroMA@ci.holyoke.ma.us)> wrote:

No problem, I know how it is... can you meet at 9am on Monday?

-Marcos

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